

Chicago Area Economic Summary

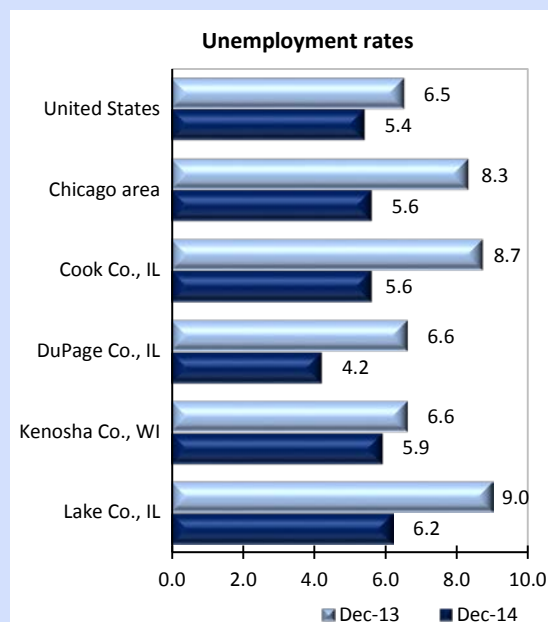


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the Chicago area, selected area counties, and the nation

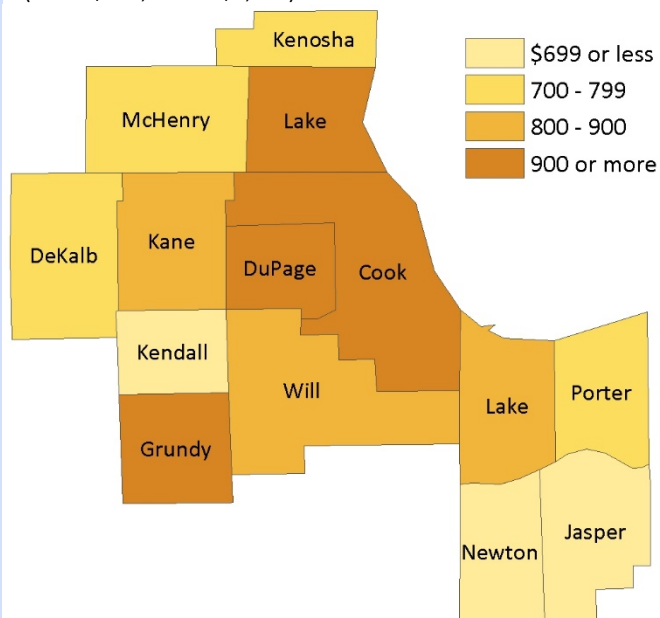


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Chicago area, 2nd quarter 2014

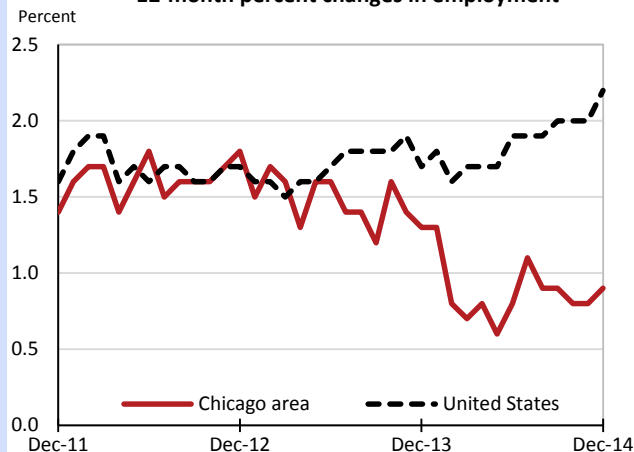
(U.S. = \$940; Area = \$1,034)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

12-month percent changes in employment

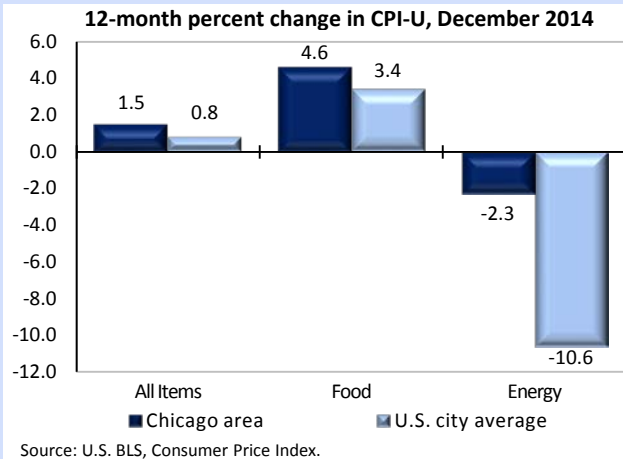


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

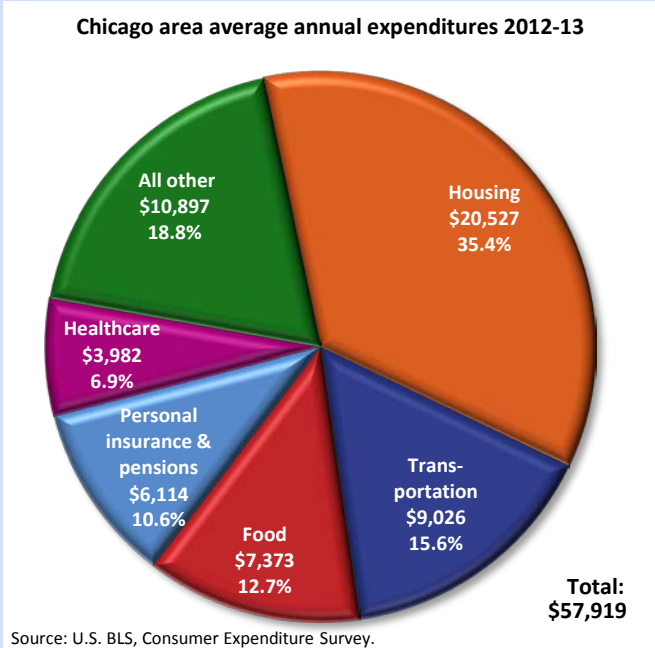
Chicago area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2014	Change from Dec. 2013 to Dec. 2014	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	4,537.7	40.0	0.9
Mining and logging	1.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	152.5	9.4	6.6
Manufacturing	409.5	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	937.0	-1.3	-0.1
Information	80.1	-1.1	-1.4
Financial activities	287.5	-2.4	-0.8
Professional and business services	794.3	18.7	2.4
Education and health services	696.4	7.7	1.1
Leisure and hospitality	429.3	7.7	1.8
Other services	191.9	0.8	0.4
Government	557.9	0.5	0.1

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

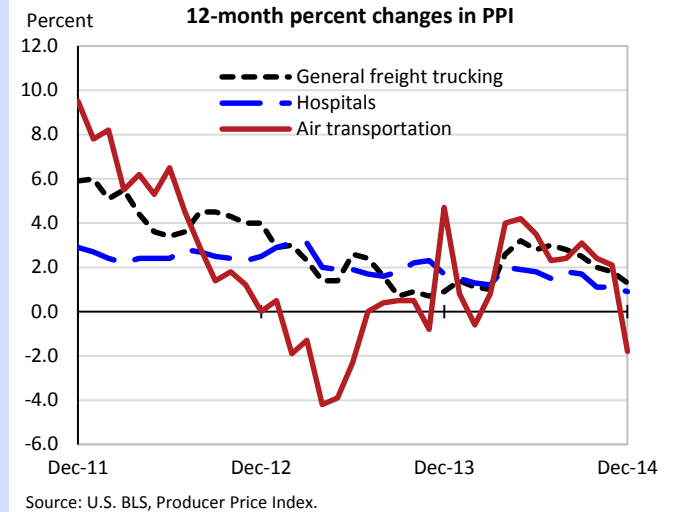
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Chicago area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$23.66	\$22.33
Air traffic controllers	70.47	57.05
Lawyers	65.24	63.46
Financial managers	63.21	60.89
Accountants and auditors	35.67	34.86
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	34.84	28.23
Registered nurses	33.94	33.13
Computer user support specialists	25.48	24.26
Construction laborers	25.21	16.84
Customer service representatives	17.90	16.04
Retail salespersons	12.32	12.20
Parking lot attendants	11.06	10.26
Cooks, fast food	9.17	9.07

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2013.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2014	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$29.48	\$30.32
Wages and salaries	20.28	21.18
Total benefits	9.20	9.14
Paid leave	2.00	2.10
Vacation	1.08	1.09
Supplemental pay	0.86	0.86
Insurance	2.72	2.50
Retirement and savings	1.24	1.23
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.45

(1) East North Central includes IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

